

# SB 941

To whom it may concern:

To require a criminal background check for every purchase of a firearm by holders of concealed carry permits would be both ridiculous and wasteful of government resources. Anyone who has gone to the trouble of obtaining such a permit has already demonstrated a conscientious concern for compliance with our laws. Any failure or suspicion of failure to comply with firearm laws will result in a revocation of that permit. The issuing sheriff may require the holder to bring in the revoked permit, or send deputies to confiscate it. Requiring repeated background checks of honest permit holders is an insult to their integrity and implies that the system that issues them is useless.

If the intent of laws requiring background checks for firearm purchases is to prevent criminals from obtaining them, please bear in mind that nearly all firearms used by them are obtained by theft. Criminals scoff at laws. Only law abiding citizens care what laws are on the books. Anyone bent on obtaining a firearm for illegal purpose will find a way. There is an underground for such things. If the intent is to prevent spur-of-the-moment shootings, current laws already accomplish that as well as can be done. Passing another law to cause difficulty for *law abiding* citizens will accomplish nothing. It is merely posturing.